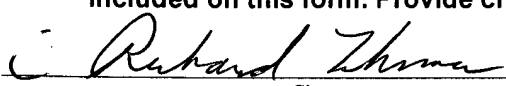
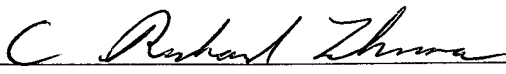


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Honorable Sir:

This is a reply to the Office Action dated December 16, 2005 regarding the above-identified patent application. Claims 1-17 are pending in the application. Claims 1-10 and 13-16 are rejected. Claims 11, 12, and 17 are objected to.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

The **Current Status of the Claims** is reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.